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Minutes of the House Standing Committee
on
Military and Veteran Affairs

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

12:00 Noon

Room 327 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs was called to order by Representative Jason Wentworth, Chair.

The Clerk called the roll; members present were **Representatives Wentworth, Graves, Hughes, Barrett, Glenn, Albert, Hoitenga, Johnson, Sabo, Brinks, Byrd, Elder and Jones. (13/13)**
The Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of January 30, 2018, as printed.

Representative Barrett moved to adopt the minutes of January 30, 2018, as printed. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; the minutes were adopted as printed.

The Chair laid before the committee Michigan Volunteer Defense Force.

Colonel William R. Ewald, Brigade Commander for the Michigan Volunteer Defense Force, introduced the following individuals, who serve as volunteers:

Representative Tommy Brann from 77th House District and Wyoming, Michigan serving as a Lieutenant;

First Lieutenant Charles D. Shelton from Romeo, Michigan;

Captain Rachid Elatab from Northville, Michigan;

Chief Warrant Officer-CW4 Edward Helwig from Mount Pleasant, Michigan;

Captain Kurtis Moilanen from Harper Woods, Michigan;

Major Ron Mesic from Warren, Michigan; and

First Lieutenant John V. Fauver from Lansing, Michigan. Colonel Ewald did a PowerPoint presentation. Questions followed. A copy of his presentation and his handouts are attached to the minutes.

Representative Brann spoke on how individuals can serve without having any military experience.

First Lieutenant Charles D. Shelton explained about the Michigan Volunteer Defense Force are helping to get retirees getting their retirement at the age sixty.

Colonel William R. Ewald, Brigade Commander for the Michigan Volunteer Defense Force, presented to the committee a copy of Michigan's State Defense Forces, A Concise History and Lineage of the Michigan Emergency Volunteers and Its Predecessors, 1917-1998 by Duane Ernst Miller.

There being no other business before the committee; **Representative Albert moved to adjourn the meeting.**

The motion prevailed, the time being 12:26 p.m.

The Chair declared the Committee adjourned.

Jason Wentworth, Chair

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Joy Brewer, Committee Clerk

Date approved by the committee